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Photo by Tech. Sgt. Joan Anderson-Brown

## Praising MLK Jr.

Members of the chapel choir, led by choir director Staff Sgt. Kendall Bell, 509th Security Forces Squadron, sing praise songs during the Martin Luther King, Jr., annual service and celebration Wednesday at the base chapel. The event included singing, poems from Christian poet, Nikki Mallory, and praise dancers. The guest speaker was Lt. Col. John Anderson, 509th Mission Support Group deputy commander.

# SFS TRANSFORMATION: More than meets the eye

By Senior Airman J.G. Buzanowski  
Air Force Print News

**WASHINGTON (AFP)**— As the Air Force continues to adapt for the future, changes to the security forces career field will affect the total force.

Brig. Gen. Robert Holmes, director of security forces and force protection, calls these transformations a “refocus” on how his people train and fight.

“We’re not in the Cold War anymore; we have to alter our mentality and our practices for today’s reality,” the general said. “Because of the nature of the threat, our Airmen are fighting the global war on terror on the front lines, and we owe it to them to provide training, equipment and resources to be effective.”

Essentially security forces Airmen will focus on preparing for their warfighting mission at forward locations, as well as security at a fixed installation, General Holmes said.

As an example, he cited an Air Force Task Force that operated around Balad Air Base, Iraq, for two months last year. The unit patrolled the local towns and found weapon caches as well as individuals who posed a threat to the base.

“Our Airmen are going ‘outside the wire’ to conduct missions and are proving successful in keeping people safe,” General Holmes said. “Not only for the folks stationed at the base, but people who live and work in the local area as well. This is very important in the present war on terror.”

Security forces Airmen must learn counter-insurgency techniques and in doing so, they’ll operate more effectively in joint operations, said Maj. Gen. Norman Seip, assistant deputy chief of staff for air & space operations.

“We need to be prepared for a full-spectrum of threats against an air field,” General Seip said. “That means taking more responsibility for defense of our mission, so our sister services can concentrate on their own tasks. We need to understand how they operate, so we’re working closely with the Army to identify additional ways to train our Airmen.”

Whiteman is also involved in developing and implementing ways to prepare Airmen for the security challenges they will face in war zones.

“The 509th Security Forces Squadron is actively working on training for both security forces and the base populace who are

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Burton

Senior Airman Robert Flottesch helps clear and load Airman 1st Class Andrew Brininstool’s issued weapon, a M249 Squad Automatic Weapon. The 509th Security Forces Squadron and security forces Air Force-wide will be going through a transformation that will enable them to focus on preparing for their warfighting mission at forward locations.

## Inside

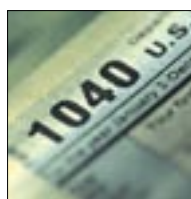
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## Air Force Quiz

According to the 2005 Whiteman safety statistics ... what sport caused the most injuries?

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# Commander's Corner

# Focusing *the* Team

**By. Col. Eric Single**

509th Bomb Wing vice commander

While Brig. Gen. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander, attends the Capstone course over the next few weeks, I know I can count on your support as we continue to work toward the goals he has set for the wing.

One of the initiatives that we have been working on is to develop ways to increase our common focus on major events, exercises and inspections.

With the high pace in the 509th, it's easy to lose sight of operations that are outside your immediate scope of duty ... especially when they occur at forward operating locations.

I think it's critical for each of us to look beyond our normal work horizon and develop a good understanding of what our teammates are focused on. After all, we are all working toward a common set of objectives.

One of the best ways to help focus the team is to increase communication.

We have begun a policy of including updates to ongoing

major exercises and events in the weekly wing staff meeting.

I have asked your commanders to help spread this information throughout your units. Additionally, as we develop our strategic calendar for the next Air Expeditionary Force cycle, we will concentrate on deconflicting major events to facilitate a single wing focus.

Another initiative we are looking into is to make forward operating location newspapers available for locations where we have deployed Airmen, so that we can maintain a better understanding of their day-to-day mission overseas.

With that said, this week's focus is on Red Flag, a large force exercise flown out of Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

Last weekend, we deployed more than 300 Whiteman personnel and three aircraft for the four-week exercise.

Red Flag was established in 1975 and aims to maximize the combat readiness, capability and survivability of participating units by providing realistic training in a combined air, ground and electronic threat environment while providing for a free exchange of



Photo by Staff Sgt. Tia Schroeder

**Airman 1st Class Matthew Gardner, 509th Operations Support Squadron, scans the flightline for birds from the control tower.**

ideas between forces.

Historically, it had been noted that a large proportion of our aircraft losses during wartime occurred during the first 10 days of a war.

Red Flag was designed to provide our pilots these first 10 'combat' sorties in a training environment, significantly enhancing their chances of survival when faced with actual combat operations.

The current Red Flag exercise includes a full range of

combat aircraft from the United States, the United Kingdom and Australia. The Expeditionary Forces Commander for the second half of the period will be our own Col. Bob Wheeler, 509th Operations Group commander.

Expect additional updates on Red Flag and our AEF 9 and 10 deployed teammates over the next few weeks, and let's focus the team to support all those involved with enthusiasm and energy.

## Are you ready to serve?

**By Lt. Col. Pam Moxley**

509th Civil Engineering Squadron commander

When I entered the Air Force in 1987 we were fighting the Cold War, within two years the wall had fallen and our arch nemesis had capitulated.

What a change. As I progressed in my career I learned what civil engineers were all about. It takes a team effort to not only maintain a base but to prepare our people to go into combat if called.

Over the years we have transitioned to a more lean and expeditionary force to meet the challenges abroad while still maintaining our bases at home to meet mission requirements.

We were ready when we were called for Operations Just Cause and Desert Storm, and again to stop the genocide in Bosnia.

We were ready when called after Sept. 11 to liberate Afghanistan and again for Operation Iraqi Freedom. The Air Force response to these situations has been accomplished through the combined efforts of active duty, Reserve, National Guard, and civilian personnel working side by side to make the impossible happen again and again.

It's no accident that we were ready to

go when called upon by our country in the past. Will we be ready to deploy when asked in the future? The answer is a resounding YES—and in order to do this we must be well trained, well equipped, physically and mentally prepared to accomplish any mission.

We have outstanding training programs in place to ensure we are ready for combat, such as Silver Flag, Red Flag, combat skills and ready-to-deploy training.

It's every Airman, non-commissioned officer and officer's responsibility to make sure we train hard and realistically, to make the best possible use of these assets. The training pay-off will only be as good as the effort and attitude that go into them.

Set aside the time to ensure our personnel are receiving the best training available and are ready ... Do you know your job as well as you should?

The Air Force has provided us with the best equipment possible to accomplish our mission. We need to take care of it. Gone are the days when we could assume that we would deploy with brand new gear.

We need to make sure that we are maintaining and replenishing our tools and equipment at home so that we are ready to go when asked. We continue to

seek new and innovative methods by which we can accomplish our mission better—we must ensure that we advocate for and fund the necessary tools to get the job done ... Is your gear and equipment ready to go?

We also need to be physically and mentally prepared to meet present and future challenges.

The Air Force has increasingly placed more emphasis on a strong physical training program to help us all be better prepared to meet the rigors of deployment ... Can you see your toes without bending over?

Physical fitness is important. It's key to our ability to work long hours in a challenging environment and still be able to perform our jobs and make good decisions.

We jeopardize the mission and safety if we are not physically up to the task. Equally, we need to be mentally tough and focused.

Hard training, high standards and experienced leaders are what counts here. Take care of your family and your personal responsibilities before you are called to deploy. It's easier to remain focused when the home front is taken care of.

Is your team ready for the next challenge? Are you? Our future successes depend on being ready today to meet tomorrow's challenges.





## Newsline

## Autograph signing

Kansas City Royals baseball manager Buddy Bell, catcher John Buck and former player Brian McRae will be signing autographs 2-3 p.m. Saturday at the base exchange. The Royals mascot, Sluggerrr, will also be available. For more details, contact Public Affairs at 687-6123.

## CPF changes

The civilian personnel flight is now an appointment only system from 12:30-4:30 p.m. daily. For more information or to make an appointment, call 687-6475.

## WESC to host party

The Whiteman Enlisted Spouse's Club will host a Mardi Gras party 7 p.m. Feb. 25 at Missions End. Tickets are \$10 and will be on sale during the commissary's grand reopening 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Jan. 31.

The party will have a disk jockey, hor d'ourves and many door prizes.

For more details, call Nikki Traylor at 563-2111.

## Bldg. 509 to get new carpet

The 509th Bomb Wing headquarters building, Bldg. 509, will be getting new carpet starting Monday.

Offices located within the affected corridors will remain accessible during the work, but there will be some level of inconvenience with equipment and materials in the hallways. There may be periods when adhesive is being applied that may limit access to certain areas temporarily.

The areas affected will be:

Monday-Wednesday—Second floor from south stairwell to the atrium.

Thursday-Feb. 3—First floor south entrance near finance to the atrium near the Spirit Conference room.

Feb. 6-8—First floor from the Spirit Conference room to the central atrium.

## Ozark Inn changes hours

The Ozark Inn will be changing their hours starting Wednesday. The new hours will be:

## Monday-Friday

Breakfast — 6-8:30 a.m.

Lunch — 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Dinner — 5-8 p.m.

Midnight — 11 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

## Weekends and holidays

Brunch — 7 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Dinner — 6-8 p.m.

Midnight — 11 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

## Rise in dental rates

The 2006 rates for TRICARE dental premiums will be effective Wednesday. The active duty single premium increases to \$10.51 per month, and the family premium rate increases to \$26.27, and the multi-family rate increased to \$65.68.

For more details on the TRICARE dental plan visit [www.military.com/TRICARE/Dental](http://www.military.com/TRICARE/Dental).

## Corrections

In the Jan. 20 issue of the *Spirit Times*, Debbie Chabotte was incorrectly written as Debbie Chavotte on the front page. The "Honoring the Glider" story was incorrectly labeled as being written by 1st Lt. Scott Orme, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. The story was written by Senior Master Sgt. Rick Brown. Also in this story Sergeant Brown and Senior Master Sgt. Wes Maxwell were incorrectly listed as being members of the 509th Operations Support Squadron. They are members of the 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron.

## 'Star' performer

**Capt. William Frost, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, received a Bronze Star medal from Col. Connie Davis Jan. 20. Captain Frost earned the Bronze Star for exceptionally meritorious service as a member of the Multinational Corps Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. As flight commander of the 506th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight his performance and dedication to duty were instrumental in creating a safe and secure environment for coalition forces and the Iraqi people. Captain Frost maintained his troops readiness and morale while leading them to an unprecedented 825 successful combat missions. Colonel Davis said that this was one of "the most well-earned Bronze Stars I think we've got in Air Force history."**



Photo by Airman 1st Class Lauren Padden

## Commissary grand re-opening Tuesday

Greater variety, more space and a contemporary look are just a few of the many new improvements customers will experience at the commissary here, which is celebrating a grand re-opening Tuesday.

Ribbon-cutting ceremonies start at 10 a.m., immediately followed by the store opening, which will showcase a \$7.3 million project begun a year ago.

"It is such an honor and thrill to provide this renovated facility to all of our valued customers," said Carol Lakey, store director. "We are proud to provide savings to our shoppers in a modern store that they have earned and certainly deserve."

Overall, the revamped building mirrors the Defense Commissary Agency merchandising standards for all departments, including a new sales area décor.

Plus, additional display cases were added, allowing for more inventory.

"Now we will have more products," said Greg Brown, store administrator. "Our frozen food department, produce section and daily/bakery areas definitely will be larger and diverse. So our customers will have a bigger selection of goods."

Indeed, the Whiteman commissary will feature the latest and greatest in looks and conveniences, such as longer aisles, a deli/bakery island, rotisserie chicken, and an expanded Grab-and-Go section.

As for the ceremony itself, patrons can expect lots of giveaways such as shopping sprees, gift bags, samples and coupons—as well as registering for an automobile and home entertainment center drawing, along with DeCA's usual great savings.

"Customers will do extremely well that day," Mrs. Lakey said.

"You will find deals made available by our industry partners specifically for this event, so don't miss out. We extend an open invitation to our authorized shoppers to come out Tuesday to enjoy



Photo by Staff Sgt. Rob Hazelett

**This red 2005 Pontiac Sunfire is one of many prizes as part of the base commissary's grand re-opening extravaganza starting 10 a.m. Tuesday. The festivities kick-off with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and a raffle that will include more than 1,000 door prizes. There will also be gift certificates to greet many customers and a chance to win a \$4,000 entertainment center. Shoppers are reminded that there will not be any entry forms given until the ceremony begins and doors will not open until after the ceremony.**

the ceremony and visit their new-look store," Mrs. Lakey said.

Patrons are able purchase items at cost plus a 5-percent surcharge, which covers the costs of building new commissaries at bases such as Tinker and modernizing existing ones.

Shoppers save an average of more than 30 percent on their purchases compared to commercial prices—savings worth about \$2,700 annually for a family of four.

A core military family support element, and a valued part of military pay and benefits, commissaries contribute to family readiness, enhance the quality of life for America's military and their families, and help recruit and retain the best and brightest men and women to serve their country.

*(Courtesy of the Defense Commissary Agency)*

## Giving life



Photo by Staff Sgt. Rob Hazelett

**Army Staff Sgt. Tony Borgstadt, 1-135th Aviation Battalion, gives blood during the Jan. 19-20 American Red Cross blood drive at the community center. The blood drive collected 183 units of blood, exceeding the two-day goal of 180 units. "Since each unit can save three lives, this drive can potentially save 549 lives," said Emily Bach, American Red Cross donor recruitment account manager. The next blood drive on base is scheduled for May 24-25.**





## Chief's Perspective



# Bringing your 'A' game EVERYDAY

**By Chief Master Sgt. Vicki Orcutt**  
509th Bomb Wing command chief master sergeant

As I sit down to write this article the American Football Conference playoff game is about to start and it got me thinking about how much the playoffs have in common with what we do.

Playoffs are about trying to be the best team that year; "Team Whiteman" is about being the best day in and day out.

In keeping with the football analogy, one of my favorite movies is "*Remember the Titans*." One of the best parts in the movie is when Denzel Washington is looking at those young men and telling them they will be perfect.

His requirement for them was to execute every aspect of the game perfectly and quite frankly, that is what is required of us as well.

Now here is the difference between the playoffs and the game in general.

Perfection is a goal for sports. In our line of business it's a requirement ... an expectation that must be met ...

we must bring our "A" game everyday.

### How do you ensure you've brought your "A" game?

Preparation. First, get the training you need to do the best job possible. Complete your upgrade training quickly, attend professional military education earlier versus later, and help others who might be struggling.

You also need to be prepared physically and emotionally. If you have been avoiding the gym, get over there. If you need to drop a few pounds, go see the folks at the Health and Wellness Center.

### What should you be prepared for?

First and foremost you should be the best at your primary job. If you are a crew chief, you should be the best. If you are a cook, be the best cook.

You also need to be able to take that skill set on the road. You need to prepare to deploy. Deploying is not an

option ... it is a requirement. Being prepared not only helps you do your job, it might just save your life or the life of a fellow Airman.

### How do you know you are prepared?

We know it through our inspection system just how prepared we are as a team, which is a direct reflection of individual performance.

We have brought our "A" game many times in just the short time I have been here.

The Logistics Standardization and Evaluation Team was eye watering from all sides; maintenance and support and the number of superior performers, our most valuable players, are staggering and is a direct reflection on our level of preparedness.

It is clear that in 2005 we brought our "A" game. It is just as important that we do the same in 2006.

Perfection is what we need from everyone assigned to Whiteman to accomplish our mission which is to "Kick the doors down ... kill targets."

# ACC command chief visits with deployed Airmen

**By Staff Sgt. Jasmine Reif**  
386th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

**SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFPN)**—The top Air Combat Command chief master sergeant recently toured units here to ensure Airmen were properly trained and equipped before deploying.

Command Chief Master Sgt. David Popp said the main reason for his visit was ensuring that the Airmen deploying from ACC units ready to do their duties

"We want to see if we're doing the right thing as a force provider. Our Airmen are trained for the many different Air Force missions," Chief Popp said. "One of the missions we focused a lot of our time on was the convoy operators, civil engineer folks and other Airmen who are assigned to do traditional Army tasks. We also met with security forces troops who are doing detainee operations."

In the past eight months, Chief Popp has made three visits to Southwest Asia. In addition to talking with Airmen and touring deployed locations, Chief Popp attended the Central Command Air Forces command chief conference.

"At the conference we discussed many issues linked back to the force provider," he said. "Some issues we're working hard on are if we've identified the right people to deploy in the air and space expeditionary force rotations. We get them

here on time, they come with the right training and they come with the right equipment. In each of those areas we found ways to improve and be more efficient."

One issue was the importance of being trained before deploying.

"This is not a training zone. This is the real game. As Muhammad Ali once said,

'You don't win in the ring; you win by doing the road work and training prior to the match.' We have people at the tip of the spear who say they're utilizing the people we sent, but some of them need more preparation," the chief said.

During his stops in Iraq, Qatar and Kuwait he enjoyed familiarizing himself with the quality of work people are doing at each location.

"In a war zone you're not going to have a huge focus on quality of life, but more on how we get the mission done. I had the opportunity to stay in many different living quarters, saw the fitness centers and observed their force protection measures. I got a great idea of everything our Airmen do both on-duty and off-duty," he said.

"Overall, the feedback I've received is great, very different from what you would hear in the American media. My job here is not to disrupt their current chain of command and say 'OK what can I do for you from ACC?' That's why all my questions are 'how did we prepare you to come over here?'" Chief Popp said. "People have a chain of command at the deployed location that takes care of their quality of life and work."

The chief said that during his stay he saw people staying in some trying living conditions, but contrary to what most people would think, the morale seemed the highest at those places.

"The morale, attention to detail and discipline seems higher at the remote places than at the places that are more stood up. I have not met anybody who has said 'Chief Popp, get me out of here.' What I have heard is 'Chief Popp, this is what I signed up for and I am excited about doing my mission.' Now, that doesn't mean they want to stay here forever, but they are excited about the



Photo by Chief Master Sgt. Brooke McLean

**SOUTHWEST ASIA—Command Chief Master Sgt. David Popp of Air Combat Command meets an Airman during his recent visit to several deployed locations here. The main reason for his visit was ensuring the troops had been properly trained and equipped before deploying.**

mission," he said.

"We have active duty, Guard and Reserve personnel and we're all doing our part. When it comes to the Guard and Reserves, sometimes the active duty folks don't understand what they bring to the fight. Most of the time they have a completely different career and life they put on hold to come here and serve. We couldn't do it without all three groups working together as one team," the chief said.

While watching all three groups work together the chief saw two things that really stuck out in his mind.

"One is the ops tempo. Our fighter wing that's up at Balad Air Base, Iraq, in two months flies the same number of sorties a wing back home would fly in a year," he said. "And here in Kuwait, the airlift mission and the amount of cargo and passengers we've moved is remarkable.

"The second thing that really strikes me are the troops and their approach to the ops tempo," he said. "What I witnessed was about six days on and one day off and on their day off I saw people still at their desks wearing their Air Force physical training gear. They're very dedicated about the mission and getting the job done."

He said the sense of mission is the best he's seen since joining the Air Force and is very thankful to his fellow service men and women.

"Thank you for your service to your country. Our Airmen, with a capital A, are true national treasures," Chief Popp said. "We're a success because each and every one of you gives your best, lives our core values and makes sure the mission will not fail under your watch. We are very lucky to have the Airmen we have serving with us, so thank you for your service."

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—ACC Command Chief Master Sgt. David Popp—

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In December, six Whiteman military members received punishment under Article 15, Uniform Code of Military Justice, six were administratively discharged and one was tried by a special court-martial.

## Article 15

A senior airman from the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received an Article 15 for failure to pay debts owed to his government travel card. Punishment was reduction to airman 1st class, suspended forfeiture of \$150 pay per month for two months, and a reprimand.

A senior airman from the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron received an Article 15 for failure to go. Punishment was suspended reduction to airman 1st class and 14 days extra duty.

A senior airman from the 509th Maintenance Squadron received an Article 15 for drunken driving. Punishment was reduction to airman 1st class.

A senior airman from the 509th MXS received an Article 15 for misuse of the government travel card. Punishment was suspended reduction to airman 1st class and seven days extra duty.

A senior airman from the 509th Mission Support

Squadron received an Article 15 for making a false official statement. Punishment was reduction to airman 1st class and a reprimand.

An airman 1st class from the 509th MSS received an Article 15 for failure to go. Punishment was reduction to airman basic and a reprimand.

## Discharges

An airman 1st class from the 509th AMXS received a general discharge for commission of a serious offense. The misconduct included threatening a crowd of people with a handgun at an off-base location for which he was arrested.

An airman 1st class from the 509th Communications Squadron received a general discharge for minor disciplinary infractions. The misconduct included trespassing into a Central Missouri State University dormitory, making a false official statement, playing video games during duty hours, failing a dorm inspection, and failing to obey a traffic control device.

An airman basic from the 509th LRS received a general discharge for minor disciplinary infractions. The misconduct included being drunk and disorderly, arrest for urinating in public, negligently allowing a fuel spill, violating a

direct order, failing to properly inspect a building and underage drinking.

An airman basic from the 509th MSS received a general discharge for minor disciplinary infractions. The misconduct included dereliction of duty on multiple occasions, failure to go on multiple occasions, underage drinking, sleeping on duty, and failure to obey a lawful order.

An airman from the 509th Munitions Squadron received a general discharge for minor disciplinary infractions. The misconduct included wrongfully appropriating cash, failing to pay a debt, fleeing the scene of an accident, disobeying a senior NCO on multiple occasions and driving without insurance.

An airman 1st class from the 509th Security Forces Squadron received a general discharge for drug abuse. The misconduct included wrongfully using and distributing marijuana.

## Courts-Martial

Airman Basic Ryan S. Walter from the 509th LRS was tried and convicted by special court-martial for a violation of the UCMJ: Article 112a, wrongful use of a controlled substance.

# Open for business

**By Deana Barylski**

Whiteman Income Tax  
Assistance Office

The Whiteman Income Tax Assistance Office officially opened Jan. 18.

The tax office, located in the community activities center, meeting room 1, is open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Only morning appointments are scheduled on Fridays.

The tax office opens before the community center, so please use the west door located off the game room to access the tax office.

The tax office provides assistance in filing 1040EZ's, 1040A's and basic 1040's. We electronically file federal tax returns to the IRS. Refunds usually take two weeks.

This year we are also e-filing Missouri state returns. This is a free service provided to all active duty, military dependents, and retired members.

Anyone with a military ID can use this service.

Military and civilian volunteers work four hours each week in the tax office preparing returns, answering questions, and assisting customers.

Military volunteers with experience will have the Tax Wise program in their squadron

and will be able to complete tax returns at work.

Squadron representatives without the Tax Wise program will assist as much as possible before referral to the tax office.

For more information, or to make an appointment, call 687-6020.

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tax tips.

## Unit tax representatives

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1st. Lt. Darice Kiefer 687-8021

Senior Airman Stanley Ewan 687-4480

### **509th Operations Support Squadron**

David Dye 687-1683

### **509th Services Squadron**

Greg Hauser 687-6492

Senior Airman Tze Lai 687-5496

### **72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron**

Staff Sgt. Matthew Ranger 687-5188

Staff Sgt. Vincente Asano 687-7202



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about to deploy,” said Lt. Col. Charles Douglass, 509th Security Forces Squadron commander. “For example, we are training all deploying Airmen in the ‘Ready to Deploy’ program to improve their combat capabilities and readiness.”

While security forces will focus more on their warfighting competencies, Air Force leaders are reviewing several options for installation protection duties, like entry control, at home stations.

Plans call for more DoD civilians, greater affiliation with Guard and Reserve and better use of technologies, General Holmes said.

At Whiteman, the 509th SFS works with the 1-135th Aviation Battalion from the Missouri Army National Guard and the Air Force Reserves 442nd Fighter Wing to add additional layers of security for the base.

“We have good relations with our Guard and Reserves counterparts and conduct operations with them that improve our readiness,” Colonel Douglass said.

In addition, the 509th SFS has partnered with civilian contractors to provide additional manpower that enables security forces members to concentrate on

security missions.

“As many of us have seen we now have contractors making up the bulk of our entry control effort here. In the future the amount of contracted home station work may well increase which will allow us to focus on transformational means of defense of our critical resources here and allow us to better train for the expanded deployment missions,” Colonel Douglass added.

He said that in his opinion the highlight of the transformation of security forces is doing things smarter rather than harder.

“As (General Ronald Keys, Air Combat Command commander,) recently noted

on his visit here if we can use sensors or technology to help us protect our people we should. I would add that if we can use our patrols and tactics more effectively we must do so,” Colonel Douglass said.

The changes to the security forces career field will present the opportunity for other Airmen to participate in installation security.

While that doesn’t necessarily mean everyone will

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—Lt. Col. Charles Douglass, 509th SFS commander—

# The future of security forces in combat

By Col. Brad Spacy

U.S. Air Force Headquarters Security Forces and Force Protection

In the early morning hours of Jan. 1, 2005, the first combat patrols of Operation Desert Safeside left the northern perimeter of Balad Air Base, Iraq, and began an aggressive 60-day combat operation to kill or capture insurgents attacking the air base.

This was a historic mission for Air Force security forces. It was bold, put Airmen at risk and the stakes were high.

We knew the results of Operation Desert Safeside would have far-reaching implications on the future of Air Force security forces as a credible ground combat force.

Operation Desert Safeside was carried out by the men and women of Task Force 1041. Specially built around a squadron of the 820th Security Forces Group, TF 1041 was led by a young security forces lieutenant colonel named Chris Bargery, chosen for his reputation as an innovative combat leader. TF 1041’s designated area of operations was one of the most violent areas in the region, roughly 10 kilometers wide and six deep, from the Balad perimeter fence to the Tigris River.

Throughout January and February 2005, Colonel Bargery led the men and women of TF 1041 in more than 500 combat missions that included raids, ambushes, and sniper operations aimed at taking back the initiative enjoyed by the enemy for more than two years.

The TF 1041 did not disappoint. In just

60 days they captured 17 high value targets, eight major weapons caches, 98 other insurgents and reduced enemy attacks from their area of operations to nearly zero.

Although TF 1041 endured numerous firefights, improvised explosive devices and indirect fire attacks, they sustained no injuries. Operation Desert Safeside was by all accounts an overwhelming success.

However, TF 1041’s success on the battlefield had a larger effect than its immediate impact on the areas around Balad Air Base. TF 1041 also showed the world that Air Force security forces are an exceptionally capable ground combat force.

This is a key point as security forces transform from a Cold War industrial security force to a relevant ground combat force for the joint warfight in the 21st Century.

Although security forces have claimed the base defense mission since the 1960s, it has always been considered an Army responsibility.

In 1985, this was formalized when the Army became officially responsible for defense “outside the wire” of a fixed base. It was an unwritten understanding that Air Force security forces would stay inside the base perimeter.

This looked fine on paper, but faced numerous challenges in application, which endured through the Cold War and into the 1990s.

During Operation Desert Storm, the lines of battle were fairly well-defined

with major combat at the “front” and air bases supposedly tucked safely in the rear area.

The first widely publicized indications that the enemy was changing tactics was seen during the attack on Khobar Towers, but the full impact of these changes weren’t fully exposed until operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

In combat operations in Afghanistan and Iraq our bases are not always in the rear and the enemy has attacked us from all sides with relative impunity, just like at Balad Air Base.

The world in which we conduct Air Force operations is changing, and we need to adapt.

Early last year, when previous Air Force and Army agreements were dissolved, the Air Force was left with a tough problem; while security forces are eager to fight outside the wire, most are untested in the combat environment experienced by TF 1041.

This situation is exacerbated by the fact that security forces are spread thin conducting security missions and other tasks throughout the theater. This is where security forces transformation comes in.

Security forces transformation will help the Air Force deliberately embrace the air base defense mission by addressing requirements in all areas, from doctrine to training and equipping, and even leadership preparation.

Security forces transformation will also re-tool the organizational structure to

have a rotation checking identification cards at a gate, it does mean more comprehensive training, awareness and capability to respond and participate, he said.

“Will every Airman be a cop? No. But every Airman will be a warrior,” General Holmes said. “Every Airman needs to be trained in basic force protection skills and must be prepared to defend an air base and themselves in the event of an attack. This means more than just qualifying with a weapon. We want Airmen to be comfortable with their duty weapon and to develop their shooting skills.”

While definitive plans have not been finalized, General Holmes also said one of the transformation goals is bringing security forces Airmen back in step with standard Air Force 120-day deployments.

“Right now our folks are going out for 179-day rotations,” he said. “Our Airmen need time to reconstitute and train, so it’s important to get them in line with the rest of the Air Force. We aim to do just that.”

Overall, General Holmes said the changes would make security forces Airmen more effective and relevant to Air Force needs in the face of the current changing nature of warfare.

“We want to make our Airmen more proficient, and to do that, we need to adapt,” Gen. Holmes said. “We’re going to change our training, our tactics and our procedures and the Air Force will be better for it.” (*Airman 1st Class Jason Burton contributed to this story.*)

ensure we have the number of troops available to take the fight to the enemy outside the wire.

However, air base defense is a tough mission, and security forces can’t do it alone. Effective air base defense requires an integrated approach.

The Air Force needs to truly embrace the “every Airman is a warrior” culture and enlist the whole force in defending an air base much like Sailors do an aircraft carrier in the Navy.

All Airmen must be trained and equipped to man “battle stations,” and leaders must be prepared to lead them in the ground fight.

Security forces might be the ones outside the wire, but the whole Air Force team will have to ensure the base remains protected from penetrative attacks and insider threats, and be ready to respond when called upon. This is the reality of the world today.

I knew when I designed Operation Desert Safeside that the only way to stop the enemy from attacking our air bases was to go out and kill or capture him and take his weapons.

I knew that security forces had the skills and courage to take on this mission and make it a success. The brave men and women of Task Force 1041 proved this to be true in dramatic fashion.

Operation Desert Safeside provides a look at the future of Air Force ground combat, and security forces transformation is the key to ensuring we’re all ready to protect and defend.

Need a Wingman? Call the Whiteman Help Hotline: 866-395-4357 Confidential crisis counseling available 24/7

# 'Tis the season for tax tips

By Army Sgt. Sara Wood

American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON (AFPN)**—Tax season has once again arrived, and military personnel should know several things to make their returns easier and more beneficial, a military official said here recently.

One of the most notable changes to the tax code this year is the addition of provisions for victims of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma, said Army Lt. Col. Janet Fenton, executive director of the Armed Forces Tax Council.

The provisions for hurricane victims are lengthy and complicated, so servicemembers who were affected by the hurricane should seek advice from their installation tax center or the Internal Revenue Service, Colonel Fenton said.

The provisions can include extensions for tax filing and help for those who lost homes or property, she said.

Servicemembers who spent time deployed have important things to keep in mind when filing their taxes, Colonel Fenton said.

For example, Iraq, Afghanistan, Bosnia and Kosovo all qualify as combat zones where military income is tax exempt, she said.

For enlisted servicemembers, all income earned in a combat zone is exempt, but for officers, income is excluded up to a certain limit.

For 2005, the limit for officers' tax-exempt income

was \$6,529 a month, she said.

Tax-exempt income is a great thing, but it has worked against some servicemembers by exempting them from important credits, Colonel Fenton said.

Two credits that military members often qualify for—earned income credit and child tax credit—require earned income to be claimed, she said.

Starting this year, servicemembers can elect to include their combat zone income to qualify for these credits, she said.

She stressed that this income will not be taxed, but will allow servicemembers to receive credits for which they qualify.

“Just because you think you didn't have earned income due to your combat zone time, it's worth your effort to go to the tax center and find out if you do qualify for these two important credits,” Colonel Fenton said.

The colonel said almost every military installation offers a tax center for military, retired military and family members.

Volunteers at the center are trained by the IRS and military legal office and can provide advice or

assistance in filing taxes.

Returns filed through the tax center are sent electronically, and people will receive their refunds within seven to 10 days, she said.

“The installations do serve a great benefit to the military member who wants to go and make sure that



they've gotten the best information they can. They've filed it, not only accurately, but taken advantage of any of the deductions and credits that they do qualify for and they may not be aware of on their own,” she said.

Each installation determines its tax center's operating hours and whether people need an appointment to come in, Colonel Fenton said.

Military personnel can also get help online with their taxes. The IRS provides a free file service on its Web site, which lists several tax preparation services, many of which provide free service to military members, she said. The Web site Military OneSource also provides free tax assistance to military members.

“The Internet's invaluable; it allows you to file your taxes from your own home, if you're comfortable enough to do that,” Colonel Fenton said.

To prepare to file taxes, servicemembers should make sure they have their W-2 forms from the military and any other jobs they had in the past year, the colonel said. Servicemembers should also make sure they have Social Security cards for themselves and their dependents.

For active-duty servicemembers, W-2s were made available on MyPay Jan. 21, Colonel Fenton said. Retirees and Reservists already have the forms available.

## Fast Facts

- **Servicemembers in a combat zone during tax season get an automatic extension to file their taxes.**
- **Servicemembers have six months from the time they leave the combat zone to file.**
- **Servicemembers who are stationed elsewhere overseas have a two-month extension to file.**



# Service demographics offer snapshot of force

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas - The Air Force Personnel Center recently published its quarterly demographics report offering a snapshot of the service's active-duty and civilian force, as of Dec. 31 2005. More information can be found at the center's analysis branch Web site: <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/demographics>.

## Active Duty

347,398 individuals are on active duty  
72,167 officers and 275,231 enlisted personnel -  
The Air Force has 13,689 pilots,  
4,501 navigators,  
1,344 air battle managers and  
16,035 non-rated line officers in the grades of lieutenant colonel and below



found at the center's analysis branch Web site: <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/demographics>.



## Gender

19.6 percent of the force are women  
18.4 percent of the officers are women and  
20 percent of the enlisted corps are women  
60.9 percent of the female officers are line officers;  
39.1 percent are non-line  
85.5 percent of the male officers are line officers;  
14.5 percent are non-line  
The population of women is 68,161 - Women first began entering pilot training in 1976, fighter pilot training in July 1993 and navigator training in 1977  
Currently there are 575 (4.2 percent) female pilots and 209 (4.6 percent) female navigators



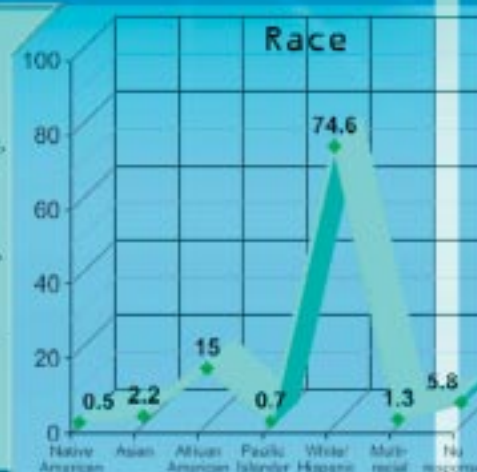
## Source of Commission

19.3 percent of the officers were commissioned through the Air Force Academy,  
42.5 percent through Reserve Officer Training Corps and  
21.7 percent through Officer Training School  
The remaining 16.5 percent were commissioned from other sources (direct appointment, etc.).

## Total Active Federal Military Service

The average total active federal military service is 11 years for officers and 7 years for enlisted  
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**Ethnicity of Airmen**  
"Hispanic or Latino" is now considered an ethnic, not a racial, category that is registered separately.  
8.4 percent of Airmen call themselves Hispanic/Latino  
88.8 percent not Hispanic/Latino  
2.8 percent declined to respond



## Marital Status

60.7 percent of the current force is married  
71.4 percent of the officers and  
57.9 percent of the enlisted are married  
There are 30,214 couples in the Air Force with both spouses in the military  
1,391 of these are married to members of other military services

## Family Members

Active duty members supported 532,303 family members  
430,482 are family members-in-household

## Average Age



The average age of an officer is 35; for the enlisted force it's 29.  
Of the force, 38.9 percent are below the age of 26. 45.6 percent of enlisted are below 26 versus 13.5 percent of officers

## Developmental Education

57.1 percent of the officers have completed one or more PME or developmental education course either in residence or by correspondence.  
8,298 have completed at least one Senior Service School or senior developmental education course,  
15,213 have completed an intermediate level course while  
17,645 have completed Squadron Officer School.

## Academic Education

48.7 percent of the officers have advanced or professional degrees  
39.1 percent have master's degrees, 8.3 percent have professional degrees  
1.4 percent have doctorate degrees  
22.8 percent of company grade officers have advanced degrees;  
16.7 percent have master's degrees,  
5.7 percent have professional degrees and .4 percent have doctorate degrees  
86.4 percent of field grade officers have advanced degrees;  
71.5 percent have master's degrees, 12.2 percent have professional degrees  
2.7 percent have doctorate degrees  
99.9 percent of the enlisted force have at least a high school education  
73.5 percent have some semester hours towards a college degree  
15.6 percent have an associate's degree or equivalent semester hours  
4.6 percent have a bachelor's degree  
7 percent have a master's degree  
.01 percent have a professional or doctorate degree

## Civilian Employee Demographics

### Total Civilian Strength

142,968 civilian employees  
76.2 percent are "white collar"  
23.8 percent are "blue collar"

### Citizenship

133,691 are U.S. citizens including U.S. nationals (9,810 are Air Force Reserve Technicians)  
9,274 are foreign national employees  
3 are other non-U.S. employees in the U.S. or a U.S. territory

### Age

The average age is 46.5 years

### Gender

34.3 percent are female and 65.7 percent are male

## Overseas

21.4 percent of the current force is assigned overseas (including Alaska and Hawaii)  
10,878 officers  
63,445 enlisted



# Whiteman Spirit Award



## Master Sgt. Mark Nolan

509th Maintenance Group

Master Sgt. Mark Nolan, 509th Maintenance Group, received the Whiteman Spirit Award Monday from Col. Eric Single, 509th Bomb Wing vice commander.

Tech. Sgt. Donnie Howard, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron, nominated Sergeant Nolan for the award.

Sergeant Howard witnessed Sergeant Nolan performing cardiovascular pulmonary resuscitation on an individual who had stopped breathing Nov. 11 in Sedalia.

Sergeant Nolan works as an emergency medical technician for Sedalia and the surrounding area.

"I was highly impressed to see the way these individuals were working, together to try to save the individual's life," Sergeant Howard said. "I watched as Sergeant Nolan assisted in performing CPR for more than 20 minutes and on the way to the hospital as well."

Sergeant Nolan responded to more than 20 calls that weekend.

This is the sort of unselfish attitude that helps others and is what being an Air Force member is all about, Sergeant Howard said.

"He is interacting with and saving lives in the local community on a daily basis," Sergeant Howard said. "I feel proud to be serving with such a great professional. He exemplifies what we should all be striving for."

**Time on Station:** Two years and six months.

**Time in Service:** 22 years and five months.

**Hometown:** Battle Ground, Wash.

**Spouse:** Theresa

**Children:** Kenneth, 15, and Kayla, 17.

**Hobbies:** Sailing, hunting, woodworking and being an emergency medical technician.

**Goals:** After retiring this May, I will become a full time employee of American Paramedical Services in Sedalia. My goal is to begin the paramedic program this year while working.

**Best thing about Whiteman:** This is my second time being stationed here. I returned here on a base of performance because of the area and the people at Whiteman. This is where my family has been the happiest in my Air Force career. In the bomb wing I have the pleasure of working with the best people in the profession at all levels.

**Pet Peeves:** Drinking and driving.

**What motivates your winning spirit?**

The supervisors and leadership I work for in the military, by ensuring that their people come first, hand-in-hand with the mission.

**If you could change one thing about Whiteman, what would it be?** I would change nothing about Whiteman.

## Did you know...?

•The Commander's Access Channel programming offers current base information.

•You can tune into Channel 99 on base to view Air Force TV News, current weather and more.

Base members may submit information to:  
commanders.channel@whiteman.af.mil



# SFS slams OSS 64-47 in intramural action

**By Tech Sgt. Matt Summers**

509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Tony Williams' thundering alley-oop jam as time ran out capped an impressive second-half performance as the 509th Security Forces Squadron – Team 1 handed the 509th Operations Support Squadron only its fifth loss of the season, 64-47, in intramural basketball action Tuesday at the base fitness center.

With four days remaining in the regular season, SFS-1 moved into a second place tie with OSS with a record of 12-5. Both teams trail the first place 509th Maintenance Squadron (15-1).

Williams led SFS-1 in scoring with 20 points, 12 coming in the second-half, while Michael Mitchell netted 14 and Shawn Kier chipped in 10. OSS' Ty Anderson led all scorers with 21 points, while Aaron Ford netted 11.

For three quarters the game was much closer than the final result reflected.

Both teams opened in zone defenses, but were forced to play man-to-man because of deadly-accurate perimeter shooting.

SFS-1 hit four three-pointers in the first quarter to take a 16-12 lead. The lead was cut to two at 24-22 with 4:30 remaining in the first half as Ford drained a three and hit one of two from the charity stripe. SFS-1 responded with five unanswered points to take a commanding 29-22 lead with a minute left. Curtis Williams' driving bucket with five seconds left cut the margin to 29-24 and gave OSS a ray of hope heading into the locker room.

An 11-4 run to open the second half by a fired-up OSS squad forced SFS-1 into a time-out to regroup after trailing for only the second time the entire game, 35-33. The two teams traded buckets for the next four minutes until Anderson nailed a three-pointer from deep in the corner as time ran out in the third quarter to give OSS their final lead of the game at 43-42.

The youth and athleticism of SFS-1 began to wear down the larger OSS squad at the beginning of the fourth quarter and it took only four minutes for SFS-1 to build an insurmountable lead at 53-45. The run included two fast break buckets, a stick back by Jason West and a three-pointer from Mitchell.

"We just kept playing in the fourth quarter," said OSS coach Mark Wood.

"In the second half we went inside and used the pick and roll," said Coach Mitchell. "If we couldn't score inside we kicked back out for open shots."

Both teams are shooting to take down the number-one seed MXS in the post-season, an eight-team, single-elimination tournament scheduled to begin Thursday.

"We're going to have to be more patient on offense and more aggressive on defense to have a shot in the tournament," said



Photo by Staff Sgt. Tia Schroeder

**Ty Anderson, 509th Operations Support Squadron forward, hits two of his game-high 21 points over 509th Security Forces center Jason West, as Shawn Kier looks on. SFS-1 moved into a tie for second place in the intramural league with a 64-47 win Tuesday night.**

Coach Wood.

Sticking to an offensive game plan is the key for SFS-1, according to Coach Mitchell.

"We need to spread the court and beat the defense by moving the ball," he said. "Spacing on the court is the key to our offense."

Team Whiteman  
Community

Leaders encouraging Airman development

Young enlisted Airmen showing outstanding character and values with leadership potential are urged to consider the opportunities of a commissioning path through the Air Force Academy. The deadline for the application is Jan. 31.

For eligibility criteria or for more information, call Larry Broudrick at the Education Center at 687-5750.

DeVry representative to hold briefings

A representative from DeVry University will be at the education center Tuesday.

The representative will hold three briefings at 10 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 6 p.m., to present valuable information on their new bachelor’s degree in game and simulation programming for the computer and video game industry.

Space is limited so call the education center at 687-5750 to make a reservation.

Spirit Home Front Hero Award

The Spirit Home Front Hero Award is used to recognize the support and sacrifices children have made while their parents support the Whiteman mission.

Each child deserves a special award of their own, a token of appreciation, as our little heroes on the home front.

This award, a certificate and pin with ribbon, can be presented in both formal and informal settings, such as a commander’s call, school function, or at a private family

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homecoming.

To obtain the Spirit Home Front Hero Award for presentation, or for more details call the Family Support Center at 687-7132.

Education

MOAA offers scholarships

The Military Officers Association of America is offering \$1000 scholarships to 25 dependents of active-duty military worldwide.

For more information and the application, visit MOAA’s Web Site at [www.moaa.org](http://www.moaa.org).

The deadline is noon March 1.

Grant eligibility criteria available

The Air Force Aid Society’s General Henry H. Arnold education grant eligibility criteria and application is currently available at the family support center or at [www.afas.org](http://www.afas.org).

Scholarship amounts for the 2006-07 school year will increase to \$2000.

The deadline is March 10.

Family Support

Call 687-7132 for more details on these family support center activities.

Pre-separation briefing set

A pre-separation briefing for people separating from the military begins at 9 a.m. Monday.

Representatives from the military personnel flight, family support center, Reserves and finance will provide information.

The MPF separations and retirements office schedules members for this briefing. For more information, call them at 687-1500 or 6720.

WIC representative visits base

A WIC representative is available beginning at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

WIC includes nutrition education, health promotion and a supplemental food program to help women, infants and children who have nutritional needs.

For more details, call the WIC office in Warrensburg at 747-2012.

Pre-deployment briefing set

A mandatory pre-deployment briefing for people who are deploying or going on a temporary duty assignment for more than 30 days begins at 1 p.m. Wednesday.

This briefing covers information about preparing for deployment and programs available to family members who are left behind.

Spouses are encouraged to attend.

Class helps with move

A mandatory smooth move seminar for people planning to move overseas in the near future begins at 1 p.m. Thursday.

Facilitators will discuss the financial benefits associated with moving and provide a variety of useful resources. PCS orders are not necessary.

Spouses are encouraged to attend and reservations are required.

Combatant commands

By Capt. Tony Wickman  
71st Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

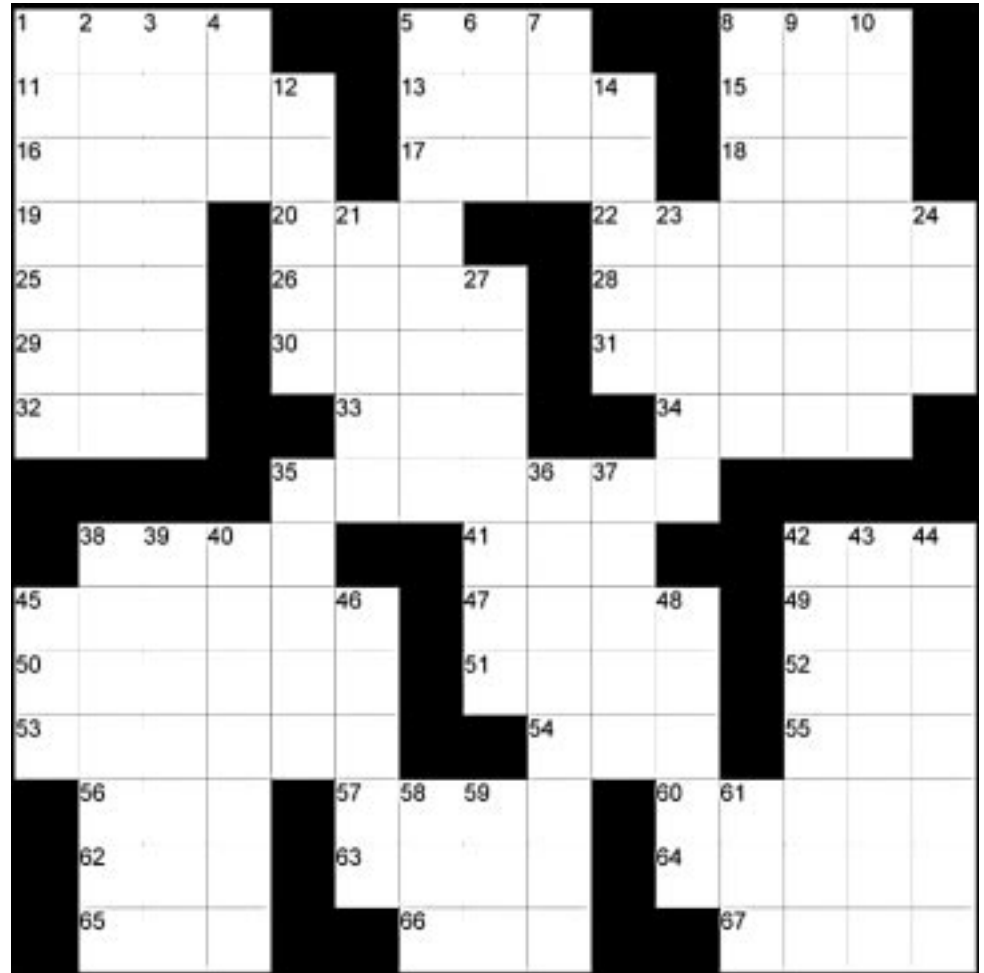
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Jan. 13 answers



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54. COM responsible for air and sea lift  
56. Object surface  
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## Sports & Recreation

### Fitness Center 687-5496

#### Racquetball tournament

Sign up now for the fitness center racquetball tournament. Games will be played between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Feb. 7, 8 and 9. Call the fitness center for details and to sign up.

#### Fitness assessments

Fitness Assessments are back. "Three Steps to your Success" is a three-step process which covers initial assessment, equipment orientation, and physical fitness program. Call the fitness center to schedule an appointment.

### Outdoor Recreation, Information and Tickets 687-5565

#### Free skiing

Free ski and lift pass for active duty pass holders and discounted rates for dependents or other military classifications, Wednesdays through Feb. 22. at Snow Creek Resort. Outdoor recreation will provide transportation Feb. 1 and 16. The shuttle costs \$5 per person or \$15 for a family of four. Call outdoor recreation for more details or to sign up.

## Food & Fun

### Ozark Inn 687-5469



### Mission's End 687-4422

#### Cowboy western buffet and dancing

Enjoy some great country fare at the Mission's End cowboy western buffet, 5-8 p.m. Saturday, the menu includes steak, chicken, baked beans, jalapenos, corn bread and fruit cobbler. After dinner grab your dancing boots for a line dancing lesson and a night of country music until midnight. Dinner is \$12.95 for members, \$14.95 for nonmembers, the dancing is free!

#### Mongo Mongolian buffet

Supersized mongolian buffet 5-8 p.m. Feb. 3. Create the perfect meal with a choice of Beef, chicken, pork, shrimp, veggies and lots of sauces. The buffet costs \$12.95 for members and \$14.95 for nonmembers and includes salad, soda and dessert.

#### Super Bowl madness!

Members only super bowl party at Mission's End. Watch the big game on the huge screens and enjoy 10 cent hot wings, a \$6 Tex Mex buffet, giveaways and a great atmosphere. The doors open one hour before kick off, Feb. 5.

### Royal Oaks 687-5573

#### Duffer's Grill

The grill at Royal Oaks is open 11 a.m.-1 p.m. daily for hot and cold sandwiches with a great choice of meats, cheeses and breads. There's also the daily special, grilled burgers and chicken breast.

#### Valentine's special

In celebration of Valentine's Day, the Royal Oaks Steakhouse is offering an elegant meal for two for just \$50 per couple. The meal includes rib eye steak with grilled shrimp, baked potato and delicious chocolate cake for dessert. The usual Steak house menu will also be available. Tables available 5-8 p.m. Feb. 11. Reservations taken until Feb. 8.

## Community Activities

### Arts and Crafts Center 687-5691

#### Stained glass class

Learn a new skill at the Arts and Crafts center's ongoing stained glass class. Held 6-9 p.m. every Thursday, new members can sign up anytime to start creating a panel. The cost is \$45 plus supplies for a six-week course.

#### Framing class

Save money on framing by learning the skills yourself. Bring along a 5-by-7 inch photo to the class 9 a.m.-noon Feb. 8 and find out how to cut mat, join a frame and assemble the final product. The class costs \$25 which includes supplies.

#### Advanced jewelry class

Advance your jewelry skills by taking this two-session class at arts and crafts. The class takes place 6-9 p.m. Thursday and Feb. 9 and costs \$35 plus supplies. Sign up by Wednesday.

### Community Center 687-5617

#### Party silly with football and chili!

Free Super Bowl party at the community center. Bring along your best chili for judging by Super Bowl fans. The pre-game and game will be shown on the nine-by-nine foot screen in the ball room and on the big screen TVs. Hot dogs, chips, drinks will be supplied, bring along snacks to share. The fun starts at 4 p.m. Feb. 5.

#### Colossal cookie challenge

Got a great cookie recipe? enter a dozen of your finest baked treats in the annual cookie challenge at the community center and you could win a top-of-the-range culinary accessory. Contact the community center for an entry form and enter your cookies for judging by Feb. 14.

### Teen Center 687-5819

#### Friday night flicks

Grab the popcorn, kick back and enjoy a great movie on the big screen TV. 7-10 p.m. tonight at the teen center. The cost is \$1.

#### Movie and dinner in Sedalia

Get out of town for the evening with a trip to Sedalia to catch a movie and have dinner. Transportation departs teen center 5 p.m. Feb. 3, returning by 10 p.m. and costs \$2. Sign up at the teen center.

#### Missoula youth performing arts camp

Budding thespians, singers or dancers should apply for a free week-long camp in Missoula, Mont., July 15-22 or 22-29. Contact the teen center for an application form and submit this, along with an audition tape, by Feb. 15.

### Youth Center 687-5586

#### Pre-teen hangout night

Pre-teens (10-12 year-olds) are invited to spend the evening at the teen center, hanging out with friends, playing foosball, pool and video games 6-9 p.m. Feb. 4. The computers will also be available to log fit factor points, surf the web or play games on. \$3 for members and \$4 for nonmembers. Call to sign up.

### Movie Schedule

#### Friday

Pride and Prejudice 7 p.m. PG  
 Starring-Keira Knightley and Matthew Macfadyen

#### Saturday

The Chronicles of Narnia - The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe 7 p.m. PG  
 Starring-Tilda Swinton, George Henley

#### Sunday

The Family Stone 5 p.m. PG-13  
 Starring-Dermont Mulroney and Diane Keaton

Adults: \$3.50 Children: \$1.75  
 Movie Recording Line: 687-5110  
 Movies subject to change due to availability.

#### Kids' night out Valentine party

Children ages 6-9 years old can celebrate Valentine's Day at the special kids' night out at the teen center 6:30-9:30 p.m. Feb. 3. Play games, decorate a cookie, challenge friends to foosball, video or board games. \$6 for members, \$8 for nonmembers, sign up starts Monday.



### Family Child Care 687-1180

#### Want a profitable home-based career?

Providers are needed to provide care for the following: evenings, weekends, swing shift workers, infants, special needs and mildly-ill children. Air Force is now offering a subsidy for providers who are willing to meet these critical needs. Providers who hold a license are subsidized between \$100 and \$150 a week per qualifying child. Providers with chronic health problems are accepted. Call for more details.

### Child Development Center 687-5588

#### Drop-in care

The child development center can provide drop-in child care for 6 weeks to 5 years old on a space available basis for \$3 per hour.

#### Parent's night out

The child development center is available to babysit children ages birth-12 years old 6:30-10:30 p.m. Feb 10. The cost is \$12 per hour. Call for details.

### Library 687-6217

#### Story time

Story time for pre-schoolers takes place every Wednesday at 10 a.m. 3-5-year-olds can listen to a story or take part in a craft activity at the library. There is also the library's dial-a-story program with a new story every week. Available 24 hours-a-day by calling 687-6255.

### Veterinary Clinic 687-2667

#### Does your cat have bad breath?

The vet clinic can help! Feline dental chews and a large range of other oral hygiene products are available from the clinic to help fight the plaque and bacteria which cause bad breath.